

REMARKS

The Examiner raised certain formal objections to the Title of the Invention and the Brief Description of the Drawings which Applicant has addressed in the above amendments to the Specification.

Claims 14, 15, 17-19 and 24-32 were pending in the application. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of the allowability of Claims 27, 28 and 30-32.

The Examiner also indicated that Claims 14, 15, 17-19, 24-26 and 29 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the objections raised under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Applicant has amended these claims in order to address the §112 issues pointed out by the Examiner.

Specifically, Applicant has amended Claim 14 to correct the phrase "wherein Mn(III) in said adsorbent oxidizes As(III) to As(V)" which the Examiner found unsupported in the original Specification. The phrase now reads "wherein Mn containing oxide in said adsorbent oxidizes As(III) to As(V)."

Claims 15, 26 and 29 were cancelled in this response as containing matter which the Examiner found either indefinite or unsupported in the original Specification.

Claim 24 has been amended to remove the functional phrases "without a preoxidation state" and "in a single step" which the Examiner found to be objectionable.

Certain of the remaining claims which originally were rejected as depending from unallowed claims are now thought to be allowable, since the problems in the respective claims have been addressed.

Title 37 C.F.R. §1.116 states in part that:

After a final rejection..... amendments may be made cancelling claims or complying with any requirement of form expressly set forth in a previous Office action. Amendments presenting rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal may be admitted.

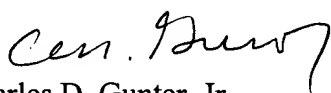
Applicant would submit that the present response only cancels claims and addresses matters of form pointed out by the Examiner. The Examiner indicated in the previous Office Action that Claim 14 would be allowable over the art if amended to include the features of Claim 16 which has been done. Only the objectionable language under §112 has been removed. Claim 24 has been similarly amended as is thought to be allowable for the same reasons.

Accordingly, Claims 14, 16- 19, 24-25, 27-28 and 30-32 are thought to be allowable over the art of record and an early notification of the same would be appreciated.

No additional fee is thought to be due at this time for the continued prosecution of this application. If any additional fee is due, please charge the same to Deposit Account No. 50-2555 (Whitaker, Chalk, et al.).

Respectfully submitted,

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